

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force stations to air a very one-sided "documentary" during the weeks prior to the presidential election. While Sinclair is using the public airwaves, they are not serving the public interest - they are serving their own interests in procuring the re-election of a particular candidate.

This is a classic example of the risks of media consolidation, which gives tremendous power to the owners of media outlets. Despite their legal obligation to serve the public interest, they are clearly serving their own interests.

This action by Sinclair demonstrates that we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them as in recent years. License renewal needs to mean something - and not be an empty gesture. Thank you.